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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 3073

FOR A/SY/SAS ATTN: GORDON HARVEY

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: ALLEGED TERRORIST ACTIVITY

1. MEETING HELD JULY 23 BETWEEN AMB GERARD AND MINISTER OF SECURITY MUNN, SAME SUBJECT. ALSO PRESENT WERE SECURITY OFFICER DONOVAN AND SUPERINTENDANT G O PALMER OF JAMAICAN SECURITY FORCES SPECIAL BRANCH. MINISTER MUNN AND SUPERINTENDANT PALMER INDICATED NO NEW INFORMATION HAD BEEN DEVELOPED CONCERNING SUBJECT ACTIVITIES AND STATED THEY COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR INFORMANT.

2. MINISTER MUNN STATED THAT THERE COULD BE A POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE AIRPORT BOMBING ON JULY 10, AND THAT POLICE AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVED A FEMALE AMERICAN CITIZEN, OF CUBAN DESCENT, TO BE A SUSPECT AS EITHER KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWNLY TRANSPORTING THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN HER LUGGAGE. MINISTER MUNN WAS REMINDED THAT ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBING BUT NO SUCH ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY HIS OFFICE. MINISTER MUNN AGREED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

3. ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 23, SUPERINTENDANT PALMER CONTACTED THE EMBASSY AND ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THEIR INFORMANT, HE WOULD PROVIDE THE ADDRESS WHERE THE INFORMANT WAS TAKEN TO MEET HIS CONTACT. THE ADDRESS WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTED AS 1530 NW 31ST ST. MIAMI, FLA. THIS ADDRESS WAS

LATER DETERMINED TO BE THE ADDRESS OF ALPHA 66 AND HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CHECKED BY FBI WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. ON JULY 24, A MEETING WAS HELD BETWEEN SECURITY OFFICER DONOVAN AND SUPERINTENDANT RICKETTS OF JAMAICAN POLICE CID. SUPERINTENDANT RICKETTS PRESENTED COMPLETE CID FILE ON AIRPORT BOMBING OF JULY 10. REPORT STATES BOMB OF APPROX 1 LB OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL, DETONATOR, AND TIMING DEVICE WAS DETONATED ON A LUGGAGE TROLLEY WHILE TRANSITING FROM TERMINAL TO AIRCRAFT. CID BELIEVES DEVICE WAS CONTAINED IN LUGGAGE OF ONE CLOTILDE BENIDAVAS (BENIVADAS) BASED ON FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES: SUBJECT WAS OF CUBAN DESCENT TRAVELING TO CUBA FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS VIA MIAMI AND KINGSTON; SUBJECT WAS ONLY PASSENGER MANIFESTED FOR CUBA WHO HAD STOPPED IN MIAMI; SUBJECT WAS ONE OF ONLY TWO PASSENGERS TRAVELING ALONE TO CUBA. FILE FURTHER REVEALS BENIDAVAS TICKET WAS PURCHASED BY ONE DR. PAGEE ON HIS CREDIT CARD. EXCESS BAGGAGE WAS PAID FOR BY BENIDAVAS CREDIT CARD (TYPE CARD UNSPECIFIED). SUBJECT HAD 6 PIECES OF LUGGAGE DURING TRAVELS BUT SEVERAL COULD NOT BE LOCATED AFTER EXPLOSION. BENIDAVAS CONTINUED TO CUBA WITH OTHER PASSENGERS AFTER EXPLOSION.

5. SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED AND NO APPARENT INCREASED THREAT AGAINST EMBASSY OR PERSONNEL. REVIEW OF DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES BEING CONDUCTED AND SECURITY OFFICER DONOVAN REMAINS AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION OF MTT TYPE MATERIALS WHEN AND AS REQUESTED WHILE MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH JAMAICA SPECIAL BRANCH AND CID PERSONNEL.
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